(c) The total quantity of import and export of tea during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Import		Export	
	Qty (Million kgs)	Value (Rs/crores)	Qty (Million kgs)	Value (Rs/crores)
2004-05	32.53	145.15	205.81	1924.71
2005-06	17.41	102.77	196.67	1793.58
2006-07*	20.78	110.88	202.95	1864.71

* Estimated.

Legal assistance by MPEDA to exporters

2315. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MPEDA is giving any help through legal means to massive product exporters who are being charged with various violations by U.S.A.;

(b) if so, the details of such assistance being given by MPEDA;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has raised this problem with the U.S. Government with sufficient employers;

(d) the steps proposed by MPEDA to find new markets for Indian massive products from Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the steps proposed in 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the recommendation of Government of India assistance has been extended to the Sea Food Exporters Association of India, which has filed suits against the anti-dumping order of U.S. Government and enhanced Customs bond requirements. Further, the matter has been taken up before the Dispute Settlement Body of the WTO. Government of India has approved engaging an Advocate for this purpose.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Among the initiatives taken by Governmem of India and MPEDA to find new markets for Indian marine products which would include products from Andhra Pradesh are (i) two new schemes namely, focus markets and focus products announced on 7th April, 2006, in the New Foreign Trade Policy which allow duty credit facility and 2.5% of the FOB value on exports to notified countries and 1.25% of FOB value of exports of marine products; (ii) import of duty free ingredients which will go in the production of value added products to the extent of 1% of the FOB of the preceding years export; (iii) freight neutralization for importing raw material to export value added products to China and Thailand for competing with markets like EU and Japan, who have freight advantage.